PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

NORTH-CAROLINA,

FOR

1815.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Conformably to an order of the Honorable and Most Worshipful JOHN L. TAYLOR, Esq. the Grand Lodge of N. Carolina met in their Hall, in the City of Raleigh,

Saturday, Nov. 25, A. L. 5815, A. D. 1815.

WHEN WERE PRESENT,

M. W. JOHN L. TAYLOR, Esq. *G. Master.*
R. W. KEMP PLUMMER, Esq. *G. S. W.*
JNO. WINSLOW, Esq. *G. J. W. p. t.*
WILLIAM HULME, *G. S. D. p. t.*
WILLIAM DISMUKES, *G. J. D. p. t.*
ALEX. LUCAS, *G. Secretary.*
MARK COOKE, *G. Treasurer, p. t.*
Brother THOMAS POUNDS, *G. Tyler.*

REPRESENTATIVES,

FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES, VIZ.

Royal White Heart, No. 2, Halifax, Brother Thomas Hudson.

Phœnix, No. 8, Fayetteville, Brothers John Winslow and William Blackman.

Hiram, No. 40, Raleigh, Brothers John T. C. Wiatt, Mark Cooke and Alfred Jones.

Kilwinning, No. 64, Anson, Brothers Laurence Moore and William Dismukes.

Liberty, No. 45, Wilkes, Brothers William Hulme and Jesse Allen.

Unanimity, No. 54, Edenton, Brother J. B. Skinner.

Wm. R. Davie, No. 64, Lexington, (Rowan,) Brother William Bodenhamer.

VISITORS.

Brothers William M. Sneed, John Carney, Isaac N. Lamb, T. Daniel, William Prince, &c. &c.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample and solemn form.

On motion of Bro. Lucas, a committee consisting of Brothers the R. W. Kemp Plummer, John Winslow and Alexander Lucas, was appointed to take into consideration the subject of providing the New Masonic Hall with proper furniture; and to report to the next meeting.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

Test, A. LUCAS,

G. Secretary.

Saturday, December 9, *A. L.* 5815, *A. D.* 1815.

The Grand Lodge met.

PRESENT, THE

M. W. JOHN L. TAYLOR, *Grand Master.*
R. W. JEREMIAH SLADE, *D. G. Master.*
H. E. WILLIAM MILLER, *G. S. W.*
BRICKHOUSE BELL, *G. J. W. p. t.*
ALEXANDER LUCAS, *G. Sec'ry.*
WILLIAM BOYLAN, *G. Treasurer.*
WILLIAM DISMUKES, *G. S. D.*
THOMAS HUDSON *G. J. D. p. t.*
Brother THOMAS POUNDS, *Grand Tyler.*

REPRESENTATIVES, FROM

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, Brother William Watts Jones.

St. Johns, No. 3, Newbern, Brother R. W. John L. Taylor.

Johnston Caswell, No. 10, Warrenton, Brother Kemp Plummer.

American George, No. 17, Murfreesborough, Brother Jonathan Jacocks.

Pansophia, No. 25, Moore, Brothers Archibald M'Neill and Jacob Gastor.

Freeland, No. 33, Rowan, Brother Jesse A. Pearson.

Davie, No. 39, Bertie, Brother Jonathan Jacocks.

Hiram, No. 40, Raleigh, Brother John T. C. Wiatt.

Liberty, No. 45, Wilkes, Brothers William Hulme and Jesse Allen.

Orange, No. 47, Lincolnton, Bro. William Boylan.

Hall, No. 53, Indiantown, Brothers Thos. Williams and Brickhouse Bell.

Unanimity, No. 54, Edenton, Brother J. B. Skinner.

King Solomon, No. 56, Northampton, Brother William B. Lockhart.

Concord, No. 58, Tarboro', Brothers Bell and Wilson.

Perseverance, No. 59, Plymouth, Bro. Gabriel L. Stewart.

Union, No. 62, Waynesborough, Brother A. Lucas.

Kilwinning, No. 64, Wadesborough, Brother William Dismukes.

Williams Lodge, (by dispensation,) Brothers Bell and Williams.

VISITORS.

Brothers Wm. H. Williams, Jno. Carney, W. Rogers, J. Dunn, John M. Walker, &c.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form.

On the representation of Unanimity Lodge,

No. 54, Edenton, it was *Resolved*, That any pecuniary charge, by a Master or Chaplain, for discourses or lectures delivered, is highly unmasonic, and ought not to be allowed.

Brother *Jacocks* presented a petition from Davie Lodge, No. 39, requesting a lecturer or lecturers to be appointed for the purpose of introducing an uniform and correct mode of working throughout the state.

On motion of Brother *Brickhouse Bell*, *Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to examine the proceedings of Williams Lodge, working by dispensation.—Referred to Bros. Bell, Dismukes and Williams.

On motion of Brother *Boylan*, *Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts; and that Brother Brickhouse Bell, form that committee.

Brother *Brickhouse Bell*, proposed for decision the question "whether a charter from the Grand Lodge, authorizes subordinate Lodges to work higher than the third Degree of Masonry."—Referred, with instructions to report thereon, to a committee consisting of the M. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

Test, A. LUCAS, *G. Secretary.*

Saturday, Dec. 16, *A. L.* 5815, *A. D.* 1815.

The Grand Lodge met.

PRESENT, THE

M. W. KEMP PLUMMER, Esq. *G. M. p. t.*
R. W. WLLIAM W. JONES, *G. S. W. p. t.*
BRICKHOUSE BELL, *G. J. W. p. t.*
ALEXANDER LUCAS, *G. Sec'ry.*
WILLIAM BOYLAN, *G. Treasurer.*
THOMAS HUDSON, *G. S. D. p. t.*
MAR. N. JEFFRIES, *G. J. D. p. t.*
Brother THOMAS POUNDS, *G. Tyler.*

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES,

From *St. Tammany Lodge,* No. 30, Wilmington, Brother William W. Jones.

St. Andrews, No. 57, Louisburg, Marmaduke N. Jeffries.

Brother *Boylan* laid before the Grand Lodge the petition of the Officers and Members of Friendship Lodge, by dispensation, (Mississippi Territory,) praying for a Charter; accompanied by a transcript of proceedings.

On motion, *Ordered,* That a committee be appointed to examine said proceedings and report immediately thereon; and that Brothers Boylan, Cooke and M'Neill, form said committee.

After retiring, the committee reported that in their opinion it is not expedient at this time

to issue a Charter ; which report was concurred in.

Brother *B. Bell*, appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, reported that the accounts and vouchers were found to be correct, and a sum remaining in his hands, Dec. 1, 1815, of £ 398 11 1-2 ; which report was concurred in.

On motion, *Ordered*, That a new dispensation be issued to Friendship Lodge, Mississippi Territory, and that the Grand Secretary write to the Secretary of said Friendship Lodge, informing them of the causes leading to a rejection of their petition for a Charter ; and asking further documents respecting the suspension of their late Master.

Brother *B. Bell*, from the committee appointed to examine the transcript of proceedings of Williams Lodge, (by dispensation,) reported, That in the opinion of the committee, it would be proper to grant said Lodge a Charter. This report was concurred in, and a Charter ordered to be issued.

Brother *Lucas*, from the committee appointed to enquire into the subject of furnishing the New Hall, reported a resolution, appointing a committee to superintend said work, with authority to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for any sums not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Agreed to, and a committee appointed consisting of Brothers Robert Williams, Calvin Jones John Winslow and Alexander Lucas.

The Grand Lodge, after ordering an adjournment until Monday evening, was closed in peace and harmony.

Test, A. LUCAS.
G. Secretary.

Monday, Dec. 18, *A. L.* 5815, *A. D.* 1815.

The Grand Lodge met.

M. W. JER. SLADE, D. G. M. *G. M. p. t.*
R. W. KEMP PLUMMER, *G. S. W. p. t.*
WILLIAM MILLER, *G. J. W.*
ALEXANDER LUCAS, *G. Sec'ry.*
JOHN T. C. WIATT, *G. S. D. p. t.*
JOHN WILLIAMS, *G. J. D. p. t.*
Brother THOMAS POUNDS, *G. Tyler.*

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers, for the ensuing year, when the M. W. G. M. JOHN LOUIS TAYLOR, was re-elected, unanimously, Grand Master.

R. W. G. S. W. CALVIN JONES, was re-elected unanimously ; as was also the R. W. G. J. W. WILLIAM MILLER.

Brother ALEXANDER LUCAS was re-chosen Secretary ; and the R. W. WILLIAM BOYLAN, re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The committee appointed at a former meeting, on the question, "whether under a charter from the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina, subordinate Lodges may work higher than the third Degree of Masonry," was, on motion of Brother Lucas, discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in harmony and with due solemnity.

Test, A. LUCAS,
G. Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES

UNDER

THE JURISDICTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

ST. JOHN, - - - -	No. 1	Wilmington.
Royal White Heart, -	2	Halifax.
St. John, - - - - -	3	Newbern.
Royal Edwin, - - -	5	Windsor.
Phœnix, - - - - -	8	Fayetteville.
Johnston Caswell, - -	10	Warrenton.
Washington, - - - -	15	Beaufort County.
American George, - -	17	Murfreesborough.
King Solomon, - - -	18	Jones County.
Hiram, - - - - - -	24	Williamsborough.
Pansophia, - - - -	25	Moore County.
Mount Moria, - - -	27	Iredell County.
St. Tammany, - - -	30	Wilmington.
Phalanx, - - - - -	31	Charlotte.
Freeland, - - - - -	33	Rowan County.
Davie, - - - - - -	39	Bertie County.
Hiram, - - - - -	40	City of Raleigh.
Liberty, - - - - - -	45	Wilkesborough.
Orange, - - - - -	47	Lincoln County.
Hall - - - - - -	53	Indian Town.
Unanimity, - - - - -	54	Edenton.
King Solomon, - - -	56	Northampton C. H.
St. Andrews, - - - -	57	Louisburg.
Concord, - - - - -	58	Tarborough.
Perseverance, - - - -	59	Plymouth.
Union, - - - - - -	62	Waynesborough.
Camden, - - - - -	63	Jonesborough.
Kilwinning, - - - -	64	Wadesborough.
William R. Davie, - -	65	Lexington.
Williams, - - - - -	66	Currituck.
Friendship, (dispensation)		Miss. Territory.

TEST, ALEXANDER LUCAS.

Grand Secretary.